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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION BEFORE REPLY BRIEF

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Dear Sir:

In early February 2010, the Examiner contacted the undersigned (Mr. Robert Crawford) regarding a possible allowance if Appellant would cancel claim 3. Mr. Crawford promptly returned the Examiner Hu's call and left a message for the Examiner to return the phone call. Appellant's intent was to communicate agreement with this claim cancellation proposal. Unfortunately, the miscommunication resulted in claim 3 note being cancelled and receipt of an Examiner's Answer (dated February 22, 2010). As Appellant is still willing to cancel claim 3 (without prejudice) in an effort to alleviate the need for a Reply Brief, Appellant requests clarification and reconsideration of the need to continue the appeal process.

Please accept this paper as a request to cancel claim 3 should the remaining claims be allowed. Please respond in due time to provide time to file a Reply Brief should it be necessary. A courtesy copy of this document has also been faxed to the Examiner.

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